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Elba City Schools superintendent says masks not required for start of school year but recommended

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The 2021-2022 school year began this week at Elba City Schools. Teachers returned Monday, Aug. 2, and students return today [Thursday], Aug. 5, and like it or not, COVID continues to be an issue to be considered for schools.

Elba City Schools superintendent delivered a message to the parents and students of Elba City Schools regarding COVID decisions to consider for the start of the school year.

"It's that time of year," Moseley said Monday morning. "We've got all the teachers back on campus, and we look forward to seeing the students back on Thursday."

With the start of the school year, the superintendent said school officials are aware that COVID cases have started going back up again and are high again. He said new strains of the virus, especially the Delta strain, are causing an uptick in cases it seems.

"At this time, Elba City Schools will not require masks, but we are going to highly recommend them," Moseley said. "As we study the numbers, if we need to change this for any reason, we will do that...but, for now, masks will be optional at Elba City Schools."

Last school year, he said students wore a mask and could still get quarantined. That might not be the case

this year, though.

"There are some decisions our parents and students need to make as we move forward," Moseley said. "It's a personal choice."

He said wearing a mask [properly] this school year, along with maintaining proper social distancing could prevent a student from being sent home for quarantine due to a close contact of someone that tests positive for COVID. Not wearing a mask would still send a student home for quarantine if he/she was in close contact with another that tests positive.

"This is why I am going to highly recommend wearing a mask," Moseley said. "The real gist of it is...if

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ELBA FD ASSISTS BULLOCK WITH STRUCTURE FIRE...The Elba Volunteer Fire Department received a dispatch call Monday afternoon, Aug. 2, to assist the Bullock Volunteer Fire Department with this trailer fire at 46 County Road 330. The call for mutual aid came in around 3:30 p.m. Monday afternoon, and Bullock was requesting Elba's help with need of a tanker truck to help battle the fully engulfed blaze. Firefighters are shown above attacking the fire. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.



WRECKS CONTINUE AT HWY 84/141 INTERSECTION...The intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in the Curtis Community just outside of Elba continues to be a 'hot spot' for traffic accidents, and another one occurred Saturday, July 31, when two vehicles collided. Fortunately, there did not appear to be any serious injuries caused by this crash; however, both vehicles involved sustained damages (one of the vehicles is shown above). Traffic at this intersection has grown even more recently with it being a part of a U.S. Highway 331 detour route. As always, motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling through this intersection, but that is even more important now due to the extra detour traffic in the area.

New Brockton Council tables several items during Aug. 2nd meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday night, Aug. 2, for the monthly meeting, and several of the items on the agenda were tabled for further discussions at the next work session for the council, which is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m.

The council did approve a motion to not use Wifi ser-

vices with Wavefly. After approving that motion, Mayor Kathy Holley said a Wifi contract with Troy Cable to include public Wifi at the town park would be \$1,559.40 per year [\$129.95 per month].

"I haven't really found justification for it at the park since most everyone has Wifi on their mobile phones," the mayor said.

Council member Todd

Askins noted the biggest justification he knew of would be in getting Wifi capable security cameras at the park that would allow the town's police department to be able to see things going on there. He said he felt that would help the town be proactive rather than reactive if an issue came up at the park.

Council member Justin Flowers added that it would be progressive to have Wifi at the park, especially in hosting events where equipment could be used with Bluetooth features via the Wifi.

"I just know what other towns experienced when they did it, and then they discontinued it," Holley said.

The council approved a motion to table this matter for further discussion at the upcoming work session and to allow more time to look for an alternative solution.

Council member Askins presented an option for purchase of a 65-inch Vizio

television and a swing mount for the television to be installed in the council chambers. He said this television would be Android and Apple capable for wireless mirroring to allow for presentations to be made to the council via Android/Apple devices, if ever needed.

According to Askins' report, the cost of the television would be \$518 and the cost of the mount would be \$65 from Wal-Mart in Enterprise. The council voted to make this purchase of the two items.

Mayor Holley said there is a need to hire a part-time custodian for the town. She said the person currently doing custodian work had been given additional duties in other areas and could no longer do the custodian work as well. Therefore, the mayor proposed advertising a job vacancy for a part-time custodian at \$8 per hour.

Council members Askins and Ralph Medley each had concerns regarding this proposal. Askins wanted to be sure the job description for the part-time custodian including all custodial work on all town properties, including the park. Medley was concerned that \$8 per hour would not be enough pay to attract applicants.

With these concerns being brought up, the council approved a motion to table the matter for further discussion at the Aug. 16th work session before proceeding.

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During called Coffee County BOE meeting

Crystal Hawthorne employed as new assistant principal at Kinston School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During a called meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education held Wednesday evening, July 28, a new assistant principal was hired for Kinston School.

Brendan Dow, who was hired earlier in the summer to be the assistant principal at Kinston resigned effective July 21, 2021, and the board approved his resignation during last week's meeting. However, superintendent Kelly Cobb has a replacement ready to recommend to board members.

Longtime Kinston Schools employee, Crystal Hawthorne, was recom-



Crystal Hawthorne

mended by Cobb to be the new assistant principal for the 2021-2022 school year, and board members approved that recommendation. Hawthorne has been employed at Kinston for the past 13 years.

According to a post on the Kinston Schools Facebook page, Hawthorne began her career with Coffee County Schools in 2008 when she was hired in a support role. She later taught first grade at New Brockton Elementary School before joining the Kinston staff as a third grade teacher. For the past three years, Hawthorne served as the reading specialist at Kinston.

Hawthorne is a 2000 graduate from Holtville High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Grand Canyon University and a Master's degree in instructional leadership from the University of West Alabama.

She and her husband, Adam, live in Kinston with their son, Tripp, who is a rising junior at Kinston School.

Also, during last week's board meeting, a resignation from Casey Smith, teacher at Zion Chapel High School was approved.

Additional hires recommended by Cobb and approved by the board included: Megan Blair as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary, Jeana Hudson as a teacher at Kinston,

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News Brief:

During the Tuesday, July 20, regular meeting of the Elba Board of Education, the hire of Jesse Luker to be a history teacher at the high school was approved.

According to Chris Moseley, superintendent, Luker had worked outside of the education field for a couple of years, but he said he was ready to return to education.

Coffee County Commissioner Josh Carnley announces campaign for Alabama State Senate, District 31, seat

Conservative Republican Coffee County Commissioner Josh Carnley announced today he will run for State Senate District 31.

"I have a strong conservative record as a Coffee County Commissioner. I fight every day for the things that make America great," Carnley said. "I would like to thank Senator [Jimmy] Holley for his service to our area, and his long and storied career. I'm going to continue to be a voice for Coffee, Covington, Dale and Pike Counties."

Carnley is a native of Ino, Ala. in Coffee County. He is an owner and president of SanBuck Insurance. SanBuck has offices in Andalusia, Enterprise and Troy and provides personal, commercial and agricultural insurance throughout Alabama and Florida. He also farms cotton, peanuts, corn, and beef cattle.

Carnley and his wife, the former Valerie Presley from Opp, have been happily married for 18 years. They have three children: daugh-



Josh Carnley

ter Presley, 15; daughter Stella, 12; and son John Matthew, 9. They attend public school in Opp.

"I'm from a little place called Ino. It's a speck on the map, but when you add up these small towns, you get a mass of people who love and value their way of life," Carnley said. "I intend to be a voice for fiscal responsibility, economic growth, our children's education, support for our military, and freedom from the burden of government. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that our freedoms are fragile - we need

state officials who will fight for freedom, not yield to the tyranny of government."

Carnley is an Enterprise Rotarian and a deacon at Ino Baptist Church. He and his wife faithfully serve as teachers in the Children's department. He serves as the Coffee County representative on the ChocPea Yellow River Watershed Authority. He is also a board member for the Greater Wiregrass Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Area Happenings

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD will hold its regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL! Elba City Schools students will return to school for the 2021-2022 school year on Thursday, Aug. 5, while Coffee County Schools students will return Friday, Aug. 6.

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT monthly board meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 19, inside the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., at 10 a.m. Room is limited so those who plan to attend should call 334-894-5581 extension 3 to reserve a spot.

NOTICE:

Elba Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, at Legion Field in Elba [1085 Neil Grantham Drive] from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The cost is \$12 per animal.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Make it a rule never to give a child a book you would not read yourself." — George Bernard Shaw

Monday morning we were reading an opinion piece entitled "Are We Entering the 'Age of the Individual?'" Perhaps most importantly, we are now capable of literally designing ourselves to be different individuals. So far, so good then . . . the next line scared the stew out of us! "Genomic technologies like CRISPR-Cas9, brain-computer interfaces, and bionics allow us to hack evolution to design our own and our children's bodies." Folks our society has not properly adapted to social media and now we are about to be given the power to design our children's bodies!!!! Oh boy, that could make climate changes and COVID-19 take a back seat to everything. What if we all wanted our children to be 'the tallest' and ended up with eight foot humans but watched them all die young because our hearts are not designed to adequately pump blood to such extreme distances. Then someone would figure out ways to change the heart pressure, thus causing weaknesses to other parts of the body, and still early deaths. NO, NO, NO! We adopt a phrase from those who are afraid to fly in an airplane . . . "If God had wanted us to fly, he would have provided us with wings." Call us narrow-minded, but we honestly believe that humans are what we are because God saw it as best image for humans and then allowed us to slowly evolve to better survive the constantly changing environment, food availability, etc. Please don't start monkeying with the genes of your young (or about to be newborn) children.


The federal home rent moratorium has ended, or will end very soon, for most folks. Much of the money the feds sent out to give relief to renters and landlords is still sitting in some state bank account awaiting distribution. The red tape around these rent grants is apparently complicated, as the funds are only dribbling out. Even with the federal funds, it is still going to be tough on renters who took advantage of the moratorium and didn't pay their rent for many months. Each additional month makes it worse. If they can't afford to pay the current rent, there is no way they can pay the pile of back rent! We don't know the answer . . . kicking them out of the apartments/houses is not the answer for landlords nor renters. They have got to live somewhere and then if they are kicked out, chances of landlords getting the back rent drops to near zero! It is a mess that will be a long time clearing up.

Traffic on the already busy Highway 141 has really picked up lately with the detouring of U. S. 331 around Opp while major work is done on the road and a bridge. Beach traffic already had 141 very busy but now it is often bumper to bumper. Saturday there was another wreck at the 141/U. S. 84 intersection and you better believe there was a massive back up from almost all directions, especially the North/South highway. After making a couple of pictures at the wreck scene, we turned North on 141 to circle back to Elba via way of Danley Crossroads and south bound traffic was backed up solid all the way to the water tower! We wanted to say 100 vehicles in that line, but that is probably a bit high. Just visualize there was a bunch and it was hot, hot weather!

We beg the Alabama Highway Department to look at this situation and figure out something that will relieve the congestions and more importantly neutralize the danger of even more wrecks at 84 and 141! Engineers predict this detour will last for over a year.

Elba Chamber of Commerce temporarily moving to an office at Moseley Photography, located on Factory Avenue!



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The following County Health Departments offer testing:
Houston County - Tuesdays 8am until 10 am call (334) 566-2860 for an appointment
Butler County - Tuesdays 8 am to 10 am call (334) 382-3154 for an appointment
Coffee County - Wednesdays 8 am to 10 am call (334)-347-9574 for an appointment
Covington - Fridays 8 am to 10 am call (334) 222-1175 for an appointment



Cuzin Lou Lou was in "project mode" last weekend at the Yonder gang's house, and while some projects turned out quite nicely, others did not go so well for 'ole Lou Lou!

And, as much as Lou Lou hates to admit it, Sister got a pretty good laugh off her with one particular project! However, Lou Lou contends that Sister was part of the problem, not the solution!!

Papa was off helping one of his buddies when Lou Lou and Sister returned home from their Saturday morning "go out for breakfast" ritual. Fueled with energy from the hearty meal, Lou Lou was ready to get some things accomplished at home.

In Sister's room was a wall plug that needed to be changed and had for quite some time. Sister said she had mentioned it to Papa on several occasions, but he always seemed to 'forget' to get 'er done. So, considering herself a capable woman, Lou Lou announced she would handle the changing out of the wall plug duties for Sister.

This was met with an over-the-top "Oh, Lord!" plea from Sister. That only fueled Lou Lou's fire even more to prove she could handle the task at hand.

Sometimes, Lou Lou gets the cart ahead of the horse when it comes to her enthusiasm for being helpful, and this was a prime example of one of those times. Lou Lou got up all her tools and sat down in front of said wall plug ready to work.

Only problem...she didn't think about turning the power off to said wall plug. Then, in a moment of complete lunacy, she obviously thought she was changing a light bulb instead of a wall plug and tells Sister to turn the light switch off! She is still shaking her head over that lapse in judgment!

This is where Sister was part of the problem! Instead of reminding Lou Lou that she is working on

a wall plug not a light bulb, Sister follows orders and turns the light switch off!! It was at that moment that Lou Lou realized her mistake and told Sister to turn the light back on!!

It was all funny at that moment... Lou Lou insisted she had been spending too much time with Sister because her tactics were starting to rub off on her! As you can imagine, Sister did not take too kindly to that statement, which is probably why what happened next played well into Sister's hands.

Lou Lou got the room light back on and proceeded to change the wall plug...only problem...Lou Lou had never worked a wall plug 'hot' before, and she quickly found out why it would have been best for her to visit the breaker box first before doing anything else.

It was just the slightest touch in the wrong spot, but that tingly sensation jolted throughout Lou Lou's whole body! It was not her finest moment, and unfortunately, Sister was standing right there to enjoy every second.

The laugh Sister gave filled the entire house once she knew Lou Lou was okay! She even began sending video messages to people telling of Lou Lou's mishap! She was enjoying this way to much!!

In the meantime, a phone call was made to Papa trying to get some guidance on properly changing out a wall plug, and well, he must not have trusted Lou Lou either because a few minutes later, Papa showed up ready and willing to handle the task himself!

A disgruntled and disheartened Lou Lou moved on to another task, and she was happy to report project two turned out much better!!

It's not every day that Sister gets a good laugh off Lou Lou, but last Saturday was one of those rare occasions. She better enjoy it while it lasts!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! Oh yeah, and cut the electricity to a wall plug BEFORE attempting to change it!

The following 6 counties will add testing soon; Barbour, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Pike.

Need a vaccine shot? County Health Departments currently have the Moderna vaccine available and a limited supply of Johnson and Johnson. Please call your local health department for days/times and availability. This service is free to the general public.

Other places to arrange your free COVID-19 vaccine in the local area can be accessed here: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

Hit "Find COVID-19 Vaccines" button and enter your zip code and the radius you want to search. NOTE: The information may not 100% accurate so we recommend calling the location you want to use before going.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 27, 2021, and Monday, August 2, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, July 27 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 342 N Court Ave (12:51 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 199 Virgil Coleman Dr – an arrest was made (12:52 a.m.); Noise complaint reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr – a citation was issued (5:24 a.m.); Harassment reported at 883 N Cedar Lane Dr – verbal warning issued (6:03 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr – an arrest was made (7:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (7:52 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 839 Troy Hwy (11:59 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Taylor Mill Rd (12:15 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 84 (2:37 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 412 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (7:53 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings.

Wednesday, July 28 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd – an arrest was made (3:48 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1285 Ann St (9:15 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 616 Kendrick St (10:35 a.m.); Harassment reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (3:55 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Davis St E (9:15 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation and one written warning.

Thursday, July 29 – Suspicious circumstances reported on Cedar Lane Dr (5:28 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 703 County Rd 401 (8:00 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1005 Elm Ave (8:32 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1623 Caroline St – an arrest was made (11:16 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 661 Davis St E (11:58 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in five written warnings.

Friday, July 30 – Noise complaint reported at 879

Cedar Lane Dr (2:03 a.m.); Prowler reported on Payne St (2:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1499 Davis St E (3:21 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1123 Pinecove Dr (9:02 a.m.); Smoke/Odor reported at 1311 Reese Ave – fire extinguished (11:35 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (12:39 p.m.); Burglary reported at 333 Plant Ave (12:49 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 632 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (6:24 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Davis St E (10:30 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three written warnings, one citation, and one no action taken.

Saturday, July 31 – Suspicious person reported in area of Guyton St and Reese Ave – an arrest was made (12:49 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1235 Farris Ave (4:10 a.m.); Burglary reported at 221 Davis St E (6:13 a.m.); Noise complaint reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr (6:51 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (8:59 a.m.); Harassment reported at 866 County Rd 249 (6:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (8:29 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 595 Collier St (10:53 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 342 N Court Ave (11:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Court and Simmons streets (11:59 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations and one written warning.

Sunday, Aug. 1 – Harassment reported at 1241 Farris Ave (12:58 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Reynolds Ave (1:05 a.m.); Fight reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (11:29 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 758 West St (1:26 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 804 Hwy 203 – an arrest was made (3:43 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 522 Claxton Ave N (7:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (10:18 p.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported at a residence on Hwy 87 (10:26 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (11:00 p.m.); Drug activity reported on Hickman Ave (11:30 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date with a written warning issued.

Monday, Aug. 2 – Fight reported at 595 Collier St – an arrest was made (1:41 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 903 Carver Dr – with animal impound (9:10 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (6:04 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1644 County Rd 422, Opp (7:33 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Claxton Ave N (10:33 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation, one written warning, and one report.

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you don't want your child sent home for quarantine due to a close contact, have them wear a mask.

Moseley said the school obviously cannot eliminate the virus, but school officials can do things to try and eliminate as much quarantine as possible...thus the recommendation to wear masks and to have them worn properly.

"The best option is wearing a mask," Moseley said. "I have two children in the school system, and my two children will be wearing a mask."

Another parental choice the superintendent said is an option is to be vaccinated.

"At this time, those 12 and older can get the vaccine," he said. "Any fully vaccinated student/teacher, etc. would not be sent home for a close contact."

Moseley stressed that getting the vaccine is a personal choice that parents need to make for their child.

The superintendent said buses are another thing to consider in that it is very difficult to maintain a 3-ft. distance. Therefore, he said those who ride the bus, are getting an even higher recommendation to wear a mask, especially while on the bus.

"We are starting school fully in person on Thursday," Moseley said. "We are looking forward to it, and if anything happens with the COVID numbers requiring us to make changes, we will get that information out to the public as soon as



Superintendent Chris Moseley

possible."

Updated guidance for K-12 Alabama schools is now available on the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) website. These updates reflect the most up-to-date recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which are based on the best scientific understanding of how COVID-19 infects and spreads among students and educators.

The newly revised toolkit, "Back to School Guidance 2021-2022," may be viewed at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-school-guidance-073021.pdf>

TOWN

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Also getting a vote to table during Monday night's meeting was a discussion to move forward with Municode in getting the town's Code of Ordinances updated on added to the internet for viewing.

Council members looked at pricing options and discussed various options, but some council members still felt like they did not have enough information to be able to commit to a particular package, etc.

"I make a motion to move forward with the basic package," council member Flowers said. "It's a need."

The motion died for lack of a second, however.

"I don't know," council member Askins said. "I want to make sure [we have enough information] before we jump into something. I want zoning included in this."

Mayor Holley said, if the council wanted to table the discussion, that she would

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Haley Sanders as a teacher at Zion Chapel, and Julie Jackson as a teacher at Zion Chapel.

Leave requests were approved for Sheldyn Stephens, teacher at New Brockton Elementary, and Dana Jacobs, teacher at Kinston.

Regarding support personnel, the board approved the employments of Debra Johnson as a custodian at Zion Chapel, and Jessica Weeks as a CNP worker at Kinston.

The next meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday [today], Aug. 5th. This meeting will be held at New Brockton Elementary School with a work session at 5:15 and board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 12 classroom addition at that school. The ribbon cutting ceremony is set to begin at 6 p.m.

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MARY KAYLON ARNOLD

Mrs. Mary Kaylon Arnold, age 52, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, at her home.

Graveside services were held Aug. 2, 2021 from the Danley's Cross Roads Cemetery with Rev.

Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vince Arnold; father, Manuel Waylon Nelson; and by her sister, Kerri Rodriguez.

Survivors include her mother: Mary Jon Taylor Brown, Elba; son: Jeremy Arnold, Elba; nephew: Ashton Rodriguez, Atlanta, Ga.; as well as other friends and family, Theresa Miller, Elba, and Amanda Taylor Sanders, Coffee Springs, Ala.

LINDA FAYE POWELL

Mrs. Linda Faye Powell, age 74, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at her home.

Memorial services were held July 31, 2021 from Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Odom officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba served the Powell family.

Mrs. Powell was preceded in death by her father, James Odom; mother, Annie Francis Alene Odom; sister, Rhonda Odom; and brothers, Mike, and Ricky Odom. Survivors include her daughter: Shauna Belinda (Jeff) Boon, Enterprise; sons: Christopher Billy (Judy) Powell, Glenwood, Ala., and Steven Brian (Sere) Powell, Elba; sisters: Mary Stokes, and Barbara Odom, both of Opp, Ala., Betty (Donnie) Flowers, Deborah (L C) Cook, and Tammy (Dennis) Ballard, all of Elba; brothers: Larry (Cathy) Odom, and Dennis Odom, both of Elba, Kenneth Odom, New Brockton, Ala., and David Odom, Andalusia, Ala.; along with eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

RUTH F. DAVIS

Mrs. Ruth F. Davis, age 87, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at her residence.

She was born July 19, 1934.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, at Mt. Olive Assembly of God with the Rev. Shirlee Ellis and Rev.

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It is important to make sure you are working with a licensed funeral director. Becoming a funeral director takes years of education and hands-on training. Funeral directors must pass exams and be licensed to operate.

A funeral director is there to listen and comfort families during the start of their grief journey. Funeral directors can provide information for grief support resources as well.

A funeral director will arrange for transportation of the deceased if necessary. Funeral directors know whom to contact to help transport your loved one as well as what paperwork is involved.

If you choose to have a burial, your funeral director will prepare the body of your loved one for viewing and burial. They will also aide with the necessary legal paperwork and be present at the burial, as required by law. If you choose to have a cremation, your funeral director will manage that process as well, including the paperwork, authorizations, and permitting necessary.

If you choose to manage some of the memorial events yourself, your funeral director will have access to reliable resources to assist you, such as venues and vendors - everything from flowers to catering.

There is also a great deal of paperwork funeral directors must submit. One of the most important forms funeral directors will submit for you is a formal death certificate, which is necessary to claim important government death benefits. If your loved one was a veteran, they will also help you file the paperwork necessary for military funeral benefits.

Being a funeral director is a calling and supporting families during some of the most challenging days of their lives is what makes their profession so rewarding.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Donnie Marler officiating, Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge, Ala., directed the services.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Raymond Davis; daughter, Debra Carter; and sisters, Louise Lunsford,

and Ruby Harden.

Survivors include her children: Phillip Davis, and Tim Davis; grandchildren: Adam Carter, and Ethan Carter; along with nephews: Ken Lunsford, and Gary Lunsford.

Governor announces grants to help low-income households with home energy bills

Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded more than \$39.8 million in special grants to help qualified low-income households with the costs of their home energy bills.

The grants will enable 20 community service agencies to provide emergency funding to help low-income families remain comfortable in their homes during the hot summer months and cool winter months.

"With summer in full swing in Alabama, many residents require assistance to stay comfortable in their homes during sweltering temperatures," Gov. Ivey said. "These grants will provide additional funding to assist in lowering home energy costs for those who need help the most."

Gov. Ivey awarded the grants to agencies that manage programs at the local level. Those agencies receive applications from

individuals who wish to be considered for assistance.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Rescue Plan.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in partnering with community action agencies to provide assistance, particularly to those low-income individuals and families who are elderly, have a disability or have children in the home," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

\$2.47 million was allocated to Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership

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Card of Thanks

Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow in the loss of our mother, Evelyn Galimore. Our family wishes to extend our special thanks and appreciation to Lance K. Dyess and Dayspring Hospice for loving and taking such good care of our mother.

Judy, Gwen, Lisa
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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jon Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Grace Fellowship Church
24631 Hwy 87 N, Elba

Several years ago, I had the privilege of watching a potter create a work on a potter's wheel. As he worked, he provided a detailed explanation of the process from start to finish. At one point during the demonstration, the potter grew very quiet and seemed to focus intensely on his work. For a few minutes it was as if the audience wasn't even in the room...just the potter and his project. After a prolonged and tense silence, the potter relaxed and began to speak with us again. He explained that somehow the clay had become "off-centered" on the wheel at a critical stage, and it required his full attention to salvage it. He could have easily cast the failed piece to the side and started a new project, but he seemed to genuinely care for the clay turning on the wheel before him.

As I sat there that day, my mind went back to the words of the prophet Jeremiah, "The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel." (Jeremiah 18:1-6)

As with any Old Testament reference, our application of this passage must be done with great care, but it is certainly within the context to say that Jeremiah 18 gives us a beautiful portrait of God's heart towards His creation. God's willingness to patiently extend mercy before judgment is shown throughout the Bible. Nations and men face God's wrath, only after they have rejected His mercy.

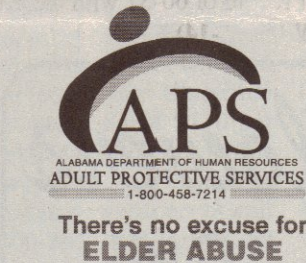
I love the words of the prophet Micah, "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." (Micah 7:18-19)

Our God delights in mercy!

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CHURCH NEWS

Homecoming set for Aug. 8th at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Woodland Grove Baptist Church will conduct Homecoming services on Sunday, Aug. 8, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with special music. The Homecoming message will be delivered at 11 a.m. by Ken English.

Following the church service, a meal will be served in the Family Life Center.

Annual business meeting held recently for the Zoar Cemetery

Mickey Nelson was so generous and thoughtful when he provided a cool and comfortable location on his property located on County Road 331 for the annual Zoar Cemetery meeting held Saturday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

Eighteen individuals from nearby and as far away as Avon Park, Fla. who attended the meeting enjoyed both fellowships and visiting gravesites. All attendance was greatly appreciated.

A financial report was given, and project work outlined for 2021-2022.

Elba native returns home as pastor of Covenant Community Church

Elba native, Paul Jackson, has returned home to begin ministry with Covenant Community Church of Elba. His first Sunday as pastor was August 1st.

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Paul invites anyone without a church home to visit Covenant Community, which was started about 17 years ago by founding Pastor Mart Gray and numerous individuals desiring to provide Elba a non-denominational church option.

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Following the church service, a meal will be served in the Family Life Center.

When new flowers are brought to the cemetery, family members are responsible for removing the old flowers.

Anyone having loved ones or friends buried in Zoar Cemetery, who did not attend the meeting, is urged to contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery by personal and financial support. Contributions, payable to the Zoar Cemetery Association Inc., may be mailed to the secretary, Jo Hodge, 3631 County Road 306, Elba, AL 36323.

All assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: An Invocation and a Doxology [Psalm 67:1-7]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Myron K. Duncan, Alex M. Hutchinson, Corene Wilkerson, Dea. J.L. Williams, Alice Musgrove, Inez Belcher Long, Bernice Culver, Larry Rogers, Min. Robert Edwards, Natarsha Warren, Families of the late John Earl Kelley

July & August Birthdays / Anniversaries

Mary Starks 7/28
Vivian M. Cole 7/28
Martha Snell 7/28
Willie Calvin Tillis Sr. 7/29
Grace Daniels 7/30
Travis Nunn 7/30 (in memory)
Freddie Culver 7/31
Jimmy and Yvonne Jones 7/31 W.A.
Katonya Kyles 8/1
Nobie Rayborn 8/1
Keirra Hammonds 8/1
Rev. W.O. and Shakeitha Edwards 8/1 W.A.
Frances Wade 8/2

"Going Zoom!"

A three-year-old boy in Florida took the family car for a "joy ride" a few years ago, and authorities remain puzzled as to how he managed it. The boy was only two-and-a-half feet tall, so how he was able to reach the gas pedal and still steer the car is a mystery.

Well, it must be admitted that his steering wasn't so good. On a journey that lasted less than a half-mile, he ran into three cars. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

In the middle of the night, he had climbed up on top of a five-foot-high dresser in his parent's bedroom without waking them. He then took the car keys and went on his little excursion. Perhaps we should give him high marks for creativity and ambition, at least. When he was caught, his explanation of what happened was, "I go zoom!"

Manasseh was a few years older than the Florida youngster was when he became King. He took Judah on a wild ride, leaving a trail of wreckage – both spiritual and moral – in his path. His immaturity kept him from understanding the consequences of "zooming" off on such a dangerous course. His adult advisors probably bear some blame for this. Good advice might have prevented this "accident." How can we exert a positive influence over the young people whom God has entrusted to our care? – C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 8/5/2021

Multiple Choice

Q: In the Old Testament Book of Isaiah, to whom will the servant bring forth judgement? (Jews) (Canaanites) (Gentiles)

A: Gentiles [read Isaiah 42:1, Nelson Study Bible – NKJV]

Q: Name the road that Saul was converted on? (Jericho) (Damascus) (Emmaus)

A: Damascus [read Acts 9:1-19]

Q: What did Paul preach to the Corinthians? (the Law) (the Gospel) (Tithing)

A: the Gospel [read I Corinthians 15:1]

Questions for the Week of 8/12/21

Use Your Concordance to Answer

Q: When Jesus asked His disciples: "Who do men say that I, the son of man, am?"

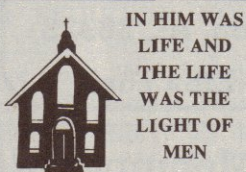
Q: After Jesus had been crucified, what did the soldiers do with his garments?

Q: After Cain killed Able, the Lord asked Cain: "Where is Able your brother?" What was Cain's response?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC

Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:15 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC

James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 11:00 a.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Brad Sasser, Pastor

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson spent the weekend with us and it appears that pizza has replaced mac and cheese as his favorite meal. I popped a frozen pizza in the oven around 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and later that night he said he as hungry and wanted another pizza before he went to bed. It may take a little longer to make, but it sure is easier on this 'ole granddaddy.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba High football team* held its annual golf fundraiser last week and almost eighty Tiger supporters showed up on a very hot day to play a little golf, share fellowship and help raise much needed funds for the football program. I'm not sure who won, but the team of Russ Wood, Gary Bradshaw and Marty Marler were back to represent their team, the Tiger trio has made it clear over the years that it is true that 'once a Tiger, always a Tiger.'

*** *Elba High held its annual picture day* one day last week and in the team picture I counted ten coaches. I knew Elba had added a couple of coaches since last season and that we may see some new faces on the various athletic fields in the coming year, but it was still a surprise to see ten coaches in the picture. It looks like Coach Sieving will have plenty of help this year as the Tigers try to bounce back and be a factor in the 2A ranks.

*** *While no one really enjoys preseason* football practice, you know the players and coaches at New Brockton and Zion Chapel are happy to be back on their own fields. Both teams played all their games on the road last season due to construction delays at their stadiums, and as a result both teams struggled to post only one win. There is truly no place like home, and for the folks at New Brockton and Zion Chapel the upcoming season is one they have been looking forward to.

*** *The addition of Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC* in 2025 drew mixed reactions from the nation's sports world, and I read one prediction that by the time the teams actually join the SEC the conference will have a bigger annual revenue than the NCAA. Whether you want to admit it or not, college sports has grown into a billion dollar business, and I still believe the biggest and most successful teams and conferences should get out of the NCAA and form their own league and play by their own rules.

*** *In closing....* The Elba Tigers made their team football picture in the bleachers last week at picture day, and while it was a good picture, it reminded me of years ago when Coach Wood was still the head coach and was told to get the players in the bleachers for the team picture. Coach Wood never changed facial expressions and in a polite, but stern voice, told the person who thought they were in charge that "the band sits in the bleachers." The team picture was made on the field. Yep, back in those days there was never any doubt who was in charge and who made the decisions, even it was a team picture.

Kinston Bulldogs hope six home games lead to playoff berth

The Kinston Bulldogs are determined to battle their way into the Class 1A playoffs this season and with six home games, including key region matchups against Georgiana and Red Level, they appear to have a solid chance at reserving a place at the post-season party.

The Bulldogs came out of the gate ready to run last season and owned an early 2-2 record before dropping the final five games of the season. Kinston averaged 13.3 points a game and allowed 29.3 points per outing a year ago in posting a disappointing 2-7 slate.

In their 51st year on the gridiron, the Bulldogs have an all-time record of 138-348-1, including a 73-152 record at home and a 1-13 playoff record. They have posted only eight winning seasons in fifty years, with the most wins in a season being six. The last winning season was in 2014, but the Bulldogs have struggled to a 7-22 record the past three seasons.

Coach Rudy Free will enter his third year as the head man at Kinston and has a 5-14 record in his first two seasons.

Following is a preview of the 2021 schedule:

HOUSTON ACADEMY (L.16-0)

Kinston will kick off its season at home against the Class 3A Houston Academy Raiders. The Raiders posted a 3-7 record last season and averaged 17.3 points a game while allowing 31.3 points per game, and since 2014 have struggled to six seasons of four wins or less. Houston Academy is in its 51st year on the gridiron and has posted 26 winning seasons. Eddie Brundidge will lead the Raiders this season and will be in his first year as head coach.

ZION CHAPEL (W. 40-26)

Kinston will be back at home in week #2 for a cross country clash with the Class 2A Zion Chapel Rebels. The Rebels posted a 1-9 record a year ago and averaged 12.6 points per game while allowing 38.4 points per game, and have posted two winning records since 2011. In its 60th year on the gridiron, Zion Chapel has posted 17 winning seasons, with its last region title coming way back in 1977. Coach Randy Bryant will return for his fifth season at the helm and has a 14-27 record with the Rebels.

BRANTLEY (L. 55-0)

Kinston will hit the road for its region opener when it travels to Brantley to tangle with the defending region champion Brantley Bulldogs. The Bulldogs averaged 44.4 points a game and allowed 8.4 points a game last season as they rolled to a 13-1 record, losing its only game in the 1A semifinals. In its 96th year on the gridiron, Brantley has claimed four state championships, 31 region titles, and over the past two years has posted a 24-3 record. Coach Roland Jones will enter his fourth season as the head man at Brantley and had led the Bulldogs to a 31-7 record.

RED LEVEL (W. 21-19)

Kinston will be back at home in week #4 for a ley region matchup against the Red Level Tigers. The Tigers averaged 11.6 points a game and allowed 26 points a game a year ago in posting a 2-7 record, and in 103 years on the gridiron have posted 36 winning season. Red Level's most wins since 2007 is five, and since 2007 has

After disastrous 1-7 season

New Brockton looking to bounce back

After a season in which two games were cancelled due to Covid, numerous other games were affected by the quarantines of handfuls of players, and the fact they played no home games due to a delay in construction at Gamecock Stadium, the New Brockton Gamecocks managed to get through the 2020 high school football season and are hoping that the 2021 season will bring with a sense of normalcy and a return to their winning ways of the past.

New Brockton struggled to a 1-7 record a year ago and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2013, as the Gamecocks averaged 18 points a game and allowed 38.6 point a game. The Gamecocks will be in their 48th season on the gridiron and own a 262-231 all-time record, including a 147-95 record at home and an 11-20 playoff record.

Head coach Zack Holmes will be in his third year at the helm in New Brockton and has a 6-13 record with the Gamecocks.

Following is a preview of the 2021 season:

COTTONWOOD (DNP)

New Brockton will open the season at home with a non-region clash against the 2A Cottonwood Bears. The Bears posted a 2-7 record last season, their sixth straight losing season, and averaged 19.2 points a game while allowing 33-7 points a game. Coach Dustin Harrison is in his second season at the helm and has a career coaching record of 16-25 in five seasons.

GEORGIANA (DNP)

New Brockton will stay at home for a week #2 matchup with the 1A Georgiana Panthers. The Panthers won 44 games from 2015-2018, but over the last two seasons have posted a 9-11 slate with three region losses both years. They averaged 19.8 points a game and allowed 30.8 points a game a year ago. Coach Berry Bess will be in his first year as head coach.

OPP (L. 43-16)

New Brockton will remain at home for the third straight week when it kicks off region play against the Opp Bobcats. The Bobcats are coming off an 8-4 season that snapped a streak of three straight losing seasons, and last year they averaged 29.9 points a game and allowed 16.1 points a game. Coach Mike Dubose is back at his alma mater and has a high school coaching record of 39-32.

DALEVILLE (W. 47-8)

New Brockton will hit the road in week #4 for a big region clash against the Daleville Warhawks. The Warhawks posted a 1-9 record last season, with the only win by way of forfeit, and averaged only 7.5 points a game while allowing 43.4 points a game. It was Daleville's first losing season since back in 2014. New head coach Will Garner will be at the helm for the Warhawks in the 2021 season.

WICKSBURG (L. 47-0)

New Brockton will be back at home in week #5 for a non-region clash against the Wicksburg Panthers. The Panthers rebounded from a 3-6 record in 2019 to post a 6-5 slate a year ago and averaged 24 points a game while allowing 17.8 points a game. Coach Josh Cox is in his eighth season as the head man for the Panthers and has a career mark of 45-31 with five playoff appearances.

W.S. NEAL (L. 44-25)

New Brockton will hit the road in week #6 for a battle against the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles. The Eagles posted a 5-5 record a year ago and averaged 15 points a game while allowing 18.6 points a game. The Eagles last winning season came in 2015, and over the last five seasons have posted only 17 total wins. Coach Brandon Wilcox will be

struggled to four 0-10 seasons. Coach Kenny Skipper will be in his fifth season as the head man with the Tigers and has a 4-31 record.

GEORGIANA (L. 36-26)

Kinston will stay at home in week #5 when it hosts the Georgiana Panthers in another key region contest. The Panthers struggled to a 4-5 record last season, their second straight losing season after winning 44 games the previous four years. Georgiana will be in its 97th season on the gridiron and has posted 52 winning seasons and claimed one state title (1960). Coach Berry Bess will lead the Panthers and will be in his first season at Georgiana.

BARBOUR COUNTY

Kinston will play its fifth home game in six weeks when it hosts the Barbour County Jaguars. The Jaguars did not field a team last season and in 22 years on the gridiron have posted four winning seasons. They are in the midst of a 56 game losing streak, with the last win coming in 2013. Coach Chad Martin will return for his second season at the Jaguar helm and owns a 0-10 slate.

FLORALA (L. 50-7)

Kinston will hit the road in week #7 when they travel to Florala for a region showdown with the Florala Wildcats. The Wildcats posted an 8-3 record a year ago as they averaged 41.2 points a game and allowed 19.4 points a game. They posted their second straight winning season after posting only 10 wins the previous four years, and in their 102nd year on the gridiron have 47 winning seasons. Coach Chris Littleton will be back for his second season with Florala and has an 8-3 record.

MCKENZIE (L. 34-12)

Kinston will be back on the road for a week #8 region clash against the McKenzie Tigers. The Tigers posted an 8-3 record a year ago, their first winning season in four years, and had won only two of 20 games the previous two seasons. In its 96th year on the gridiron, McKenzie has posted 49 winning seasons and won the state title back in 1991. Coach Drew Luker is in his second year with the Tigers and owns an 8-3 slate.

PLEASANT HOME (L. 7-0)

Kinston will return home in week #9 for a region battle against the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Eagles posted a 1-8 record last season, with their only win coming over the Bulldogs, and over the last three years have struggle to a 4-25 record. In its 22nd year on the gridiron, Pleasant Home has posted four winning seasons and a year ago averaged 6.8 points a game and allowed 33.4 points a game. Coach Jeremy Silcox will be in his first season as head coach.

SAMSON (L.21-14)

Kinston will close out its regular season with a road trip to Samson for a region battle against the Samson Tigers. The Tigers posted a 6-4 record last season, their first winning season after four straight 4-win seasons, and averaged 18 points a game while allowing 24.3 points a game. In its 99th year in the gridiron, Samson has posted 37 winning seasons. Coach Jason Wambles will enter his fourth season as the head man with the Tigers and has a 14-16 record.

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

AUG. 20 COTTONWOOD

AUG. 27 GEORGIANA

SEPT. 3 OPP

SEPT. 10 at, DALEVILLE

SEPT. 17 WICKSBURG

SEPT. 24 at, W.S. NEAL

OCT. 1 at, SLOCOMB

OCT. 8 NORTHSIDE METHODIST

OCT. 15 PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

OCT. 22 at, HOUSTON ACADEMY

the new head coach at W.S.Neal.

SLOCOMB (L. 55-21)

New Brockton will remain on the road and get back into region play in week #7 when they challenge the defending region champion Slocomb Red Tops. The Red Tops posted a 10-2 record last season, their first winning season since 2014, and averaged 37.1 points a game while allowing 20.3 points a game. Coach Richard Tisdale will be back for his sixth year as the head man at Slocomb and has a 28-25 career record.

NORTHSIDE METHODIST (L. 41-6)

New Brockton will return home in week #8 for a clash against the Northside Methodist Knights. The Knights posted a 5-6 record last season, their fifth straight losing season, and averaged 32.9 points a game while allowing 34.4points a game. This will be their first year as an active member of the AHSAA. Veteran wiregrass coach Toby Greene will be in his first year at the helm of the Knights, but has 20 years of experience at Rehobeth, Muscle Shoals, Geneva County, and Cottonwood, and has a career record of 104-98.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN (L. 50-15)

New Brockton will close out its regular season home schedule with a week #9 matchup against the Providence Christian Eagles. The Eagles posted a 4-7 record a year ago, their first losing season since 2014, and averaged 21.3 points a game while allowing 21.3 points a game. Coach Kenny Keith will be in his 10th season at Providence Christian and has a career record of 60-37 with the Eagles.

HOUSTON ACADEMY (L. 21-14)

New Brockton will wrap up regular season play on the road against the Houston Academy Raiders. The Raiders posted a 3-7 slate a year ago, their sixth losing season in the last seven years, and averaged 17.3 points a game while allowing 31.3 points a game. Houston Academy has won only 12 games over the past five years. Coach Eddie Brundidge will be in his first season as the Raiders head coach, but has six years head coaching experience with a career record of 19-43.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
BETTY LANGLEY,
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2021-056

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Jamie Langley on the 13th day of July 2021 by the Honorable Judge Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 13th day of July 2021. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge 7/22,29 & 8/5-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WANDA MARIE THOMAS SHIRLEY
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2021-055

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 13th day of July, 2021, to Leon Merrill Shirley as Administrator of the Estate of Wanda Marie Thomas Shirley, deceased, who departed this life on the 26th day of May, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ L. Merrill Shirley, Leon Merrill Shirley, Administrator of the Estate of Wanda Marie Thomas Shirley, Deceased 7/22,29&8/5-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of
JUDITH D. BRUNSON,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2021-039

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JANICE McCALL as Personal Representative of the estate of **Judith D. Brunson**, deceased, on the 3rd day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
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7/29,8/5&8/12-pd

IN THE MATTER OF

BILLY HENRY SIMS,

Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2021-057

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of July 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 20th day of July 2021. /s/ DAVID ALLEN SIMS and BRENDA KAYE PARKS Joint Personal Representatives 7/29, 8/5 & 8/12-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CLAYBORN SOWELL,

DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NUMBER PC 2021-

059

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION

A Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate of said deceased having been filed by the undersigned on the 26th day of July 2021 before the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 26th day of July, 2021. /s/ Gregory Sowell Jr. Petitioner 8/5pd.

IN THE PROBATE

COURT OF

COFFEE COUNTY,

ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF

RONNIE CRAWLEY

DECEASED

Probate No.: PC2021-060

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINSTRATOR

Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of July, 2021 by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of COFFEE County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/Johnathan Crawley Administrator of the Estate of

RONNIE CRAWLEY,

Deceased

c/o Jordan Reeves Brooks, Esq.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Chamber Commerce Association of Alabama presented the Elba Chamber of Commerce with a \$5,000 check this week to help in restoration following the devastating fire July 12th that destroyed the Elba Chamber building. Paige G. Hutto, left, president & CEO CCAA and Dothan Chamber director Dean Mitchell, right, made the presentation to Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum Williams during the association's annual meeting.

ESCC/AAC students soon to receive more stimulus funds

Enterprise State Community College and Alabama Aviation College students will soon receive more stimulus funds for attending college classes.

This will be the third disbursement of federal dollars to students enrolled in classes at ESCC. To date, the College has distributed \$1.2 million dollars to students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was originally signed into law on March 27, 2020.

In addition to disbursing funds to students, previous disbursements to the College were also used to purchase technology to assist faculty, staff and students to the total transition to online learning in 2020, such as laptops for the College's Laptop Loaner Program, as well as safety equipment for both campuses.

"These CARES funds are dollars going back to the colleges to benefit students in different ways," ESCC President Matt Rodgers said. "These funds are there to personally help students overcome hardships created by the pandemic so they aren't having to put their education on hold, and they allow us as a college to make our campus an environment for our students to safely learn and train."

For the 2021-22 academic year, ESCC will receive approximately \$2.3 million in CARES Act grant funds. The \$2.3 million will be fully distributed to eligible ESCC/AAC students. Students

attending classes during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters who qualify under the federal program are eligible to receive a disbursement.

The final amount to be received by students for the 2021-22 academic year will not be determined until enrollment numbers are finalized each semester. These dollars are intended to help students with technology, course material, health care and childcare costs as well as other essential college needs.

Students are urged to sign up for direct deposit to receive this payment quicker. Students may receive the funds by mail or through direct deposit. To ensure that funds are correctly distributed, students are asked to log into their MyESCC account and verify that all mailing and banking information is up to date.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to provide additional financial support to students during this difficult time," Mathis said. "Many of our students and their families have experienced significant financial setbacks as a result of the pandemic. Our hope is that the stimulus grants will enable our students to continue their education at ESCC in the fall."

Registration for the fall semester is still happening at ESCC and AAC. For individuals interested in attending class in the fall who have not applied, the College's free application can be found at esc.edu/apply. To register for the fall semester, students can visit esc.edu/registration and follow the steps to register.

Additional pandemic EBT benefits coming soon to eligible families

Alabama families who qualify for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) can expect to see additional benefits loaded onto their EBT cards within the next week.

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) in June issued P-EBT benefits to approximately 470,000 children who missed out on free or reduced-price school meals because of the pandemic. Those benefits covered meals missed from August through December 2020. Now, eligible children will receive benefits for January through May 2021.

The upcoming P-EBT benefits will be added electronically to EBT cards that eligible families already received in June and July. Recipients should keep their cards because additional benefits may be added in the future.

Children in pre-K and K-12 qualify for P-EBT if they lost access to meals from the National School Lunch Program during the 2020-21 school year because their schools closed or switched to virtual and hybrid learning models in response to the pandemic. Children who returned to in-person learning from January through May are not eligible for these benefits because they were present in school to receive their meals

through the National School Lunch Program. Eligibility is based on data from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE).

DHR oversees the distribution of P-EBT with assistance from ALSDE. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service administers the program at the federal level.

Alabama DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner said, "When our children grow up and reflect back on the challenges of the pandemic, our hope is that they won't be burdened by painful memories of childhood hunger. The P-EBT program has definitely helped Alabama provide children with more food throughout this difficult period in history."

There is no application for P-EBT; ALSDE has provided DHR with the names of children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program, which qualifies a child for P-EBT.

A toll-free customer service hotline (1-800-410-5827) is available for questions related to P-EBT. Support specialists are available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Due to a high volume of calls, callers are encouraged to remain on the line if they experience wait times.

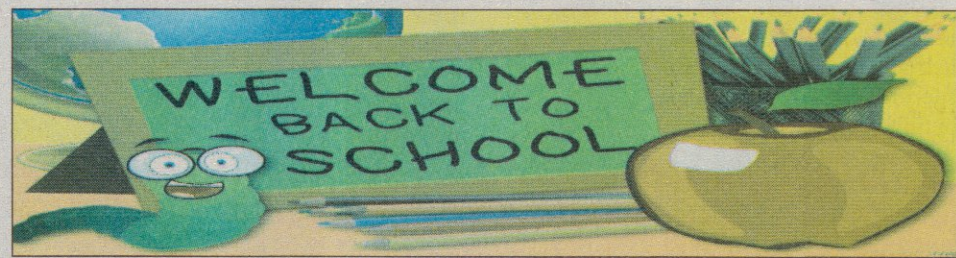
RWCC meeting set for Aug. 18th in Enterprise

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, August 18, at 11 a.m., in the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy.

Guest speaker will be Rebekah Blocher, who will be discussing "The Great Reset." Blocher is a Research Fellow for Alabama To know what the Great Reset is about and how it will affect almost every

facet of life, plan to attend this important meeting. Social time begins at 11; an optional \$12 lunch buffet opens at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon.

Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or rwccreservations@gmail.com no later than August 16.



PUBLIC RELEASE

Coffee County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Children need healthy meals to learn and Coffee County Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all schools in Alabama will be serving breakfast and lunch at no cost to students, as well as After School Snack at the schools that participate in an After School Programs.

During this COVID-19 Pandemic, the PEBT program has allowed children to receive benefits equal to the National School Lunch Program reimbursement rate, which is \$6.82 per day for each eligible child. Children may continue to access meals from local school districts while receiving P-EBT benefits. To gain P-EBT eligibility, households that experienced decreased income may apply for free or reduced-price meals at the schools their children attend. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Alabama SNAP and Alabama TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.
- When known to **Coffee County Schools**, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation (or a household member's participation) in the: o Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.
- When known to **Coffee County Schools**, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are: Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program (see: SP 40-2013: Q&As Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/qas-regarding-participation-head-start-programs-child-nutrition-programs-0>).

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2	17,420	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	22,046	1,880	944	871
3	21,960	40,626	3,398	1,693	1,563	28,548	2,379	1,190	1,098
4	26,500	49,026	4,098	2,043	1,886	34,450	2,871	1,436	1,325
5	31,040	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	40,352	3,363	1,682	1,552
6	35,580	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	46,254	3,855	1,928	1,779
7	40,120	74,223	6,186	3,093	2,855	52,156	4,347	2,174	2,006
8	44,660	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	58,058	4,839	2,420	2,233
For each add'l family member, add	4,540	8,399	700	350	324	5,902	492	246	227

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail your child(ren)'s school.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your child(ren)'s school.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact your child(ren)'s school immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE?

Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit our web site to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Betsy Wood at (334) 897-5016 if you have any questions about the online application.

X No, an online application is not available at this time.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **September 17, 2021**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Kelly Cobb, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323, (334) 897-5016, cobbk@coffeecounty.k12.al.us**.

11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you mean to do so.

14. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.

15. MAY I DECLINE BENEFITS? Yes. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact **Coffee County Schools** or school if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.

16. WHAT IF ALL CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ARE NOT ON THE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY LETTER? If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

17. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

18. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact your child(ren)'s school to receive a second application.

19. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for Alabama SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call Alabama hotline number - 800-382-0499.

If you have other questions or need help, call **BETSY WOOD AT (334) 897-5016**.

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LIFESTYLES

Kinston's Crys Fuller sworn in as ARSEA/APEAL Board Member

Mary Crystal "Crys" Fuller of Kinston has taken her oath of office to serve as a board of ARSEA/APEAL, a statewide organization that represents current and future state and local government retirees.

Fuller retired from the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office in Enterprise in 2020, but she continues to work part-time for her former employer.



Crys Fuller

Fuller began her career in public service in 1991 as a clerk with the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations and later worked for the Department of Transportation, as well as the District Attorney's Office.

She currently serves on the board of the Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center, Coffee County Parent/Teacher Advisory Board and the Child Death Review Team.

"Crys Fuller has been a strong presence in our organization since her retirement, and she has proven to be a capable leader," ARSEA/APEAL Executive Director Liane Kelly said. "Because our members have careers in public service, we are fortunate that they are willing to continue serving

others as officers in our association."

The Alabama Retired State Employees' Association (ARSEA), founded in 1980, and the Alabama Public Employees Advocacy League (APEAL), created in 1996, combined with the common interest of protecting and improving the retirement benefits of employees and retirees participating in the Retirement Systems of Alabama.

With roughly 19,000 members, ARSEA/APEAL is considered Alabama's largest and most effective statewide association representing state, city, county and public board employees and retirees.



Coffee County Livestock Judging team members pictured above include: (front, left to right) Garrett Patterson, John Warren Dyess, Addie Beasock, Hudson Thornton, and Jasper Norwood; (back, left to right) Reed McDaniel, Emily Anne Morgan, Emily Strickland, Dow Boyd, Jack Norwood, Andrew Hataway, and Caleb Watson

Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging Team competes at state event

On Tuesday, June 15, the Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging Team participated in the Alabama 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest held at the Wilson Beef Teaching Center at Auburn University.

During this competition, the Coffee County 4-H Junior and Senior Livestock Judging Teams utilized skills they learned during practice to evaluate market and breeding livestock that included hogs, sheep, goats, and cattle. The teams then had to justify their evaluations through placing classes and providing oral reasons in certain classes.

The first year team performed well in their first

competition. In the Senior Division, Emily Ann Morgan placed 1st High Individual Overall in Sheep and Goat, while Dow Boyd placed 10th and Andrew Hataway placed 15th. The Senior Team placed 3rd overall in Sheep and Goat classes.

In Cattle Classes, Dow Boyd placed 1st High Individual Overall in the Senior Division and was also recognized for presenting the best oral reasons to judges in Cattle. For the Senior Class, Emily Ann Morgan finished 8th overall High Individual and Dow Boyd finished 11th overall. As a team, Coffee County Seniors placed 4th at the competition.

The Coffee County Junior

Locals named to Chancellor's List at Troy University for Summer/Term 5

Troy University announced the names of students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the summer semester and Term 5 of the 2020/2021 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. The summer semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 5 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside

of Alabama and online. Local students who made the list include: Cyrus Mitchell of Kinston, Ala. and Cassidy Hester of Jack, Ala.

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THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTED A GOING AWAY GIFT Tuesday, July 27, to Oquendo Bernard, of Jamaica, during the weekly Elba Rotary Club meeting. The gift was in appreciation to Bernard for his summer of service in Elba as part of the Auburn University Living Democracy program. Bernard is an Auburn University student. Auburn's Living Democracy program teaches community engagement skills through a hands-on, 10-week period, where students are placed in Alabama communities to plug in and learn how to become active participants in those places. Bernard was hosted in Elba by the local non-profit group, Restoration 154. Pictured above is Restoration 154 board member Justin Maddox (Rotarian), Chamber Director Sandy Bynum Williams (Rotarian), and Oquendo Bernard.

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- **Fourth** - Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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SERVICE AWARD...Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson (left) is shown presenting a service award plaque Tuesday, Aug. 3, to Coffee County Probate Office (Elba Division) employee Julianne Anderson for five years of dedicated service to the office. Anderson reached the five-year milestone this month, and Judge Thompson thanked her for being a loyal employee to Coffee County and the Probate Office.

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